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## **Sen. Jelinek honored for dedication to reading program**

**Lansing** – Sen. Ron Jelinek (R-Three Oaks) was honored last week by the Reading Recovery Council of Michigan for his dedication to reading and education.

The council presented with him a plaque and photograph and thanked him for his support of young readers in the Reading Recovery program during a ceremony on Jan. 23 in Grand Rapids.

Reading Recovery is a one-on-one program used only with first graders in the lowest 20 percent reading level. The program has an 80 percent success rate after 20 weeks or less. Many of the remaining 20 percent are referred for special education services.

“One of the things I like best about Reading Recovery is that they have been proving their assumptions and delivering results from day one,” Jelinek said. “When you start with the 20 percent most unsuccessful readers and 80 percent of these kids are reading at grade level when you finish with the program, those are great results.”

The ceremony was held during the council’s state conference and attracted more than 600 Reading Recovery teachers, coordinators and school administrators who use Reading Recovery.

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